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January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I think it's high time that this whole Microsoft antitrust matter was over and done with. The government has no place interfering in private business. This is why I'm pleased that the settlement that you reached with Microsoft will mean and end in sight for this mess.

I know that everyone will respect what Microsoft had put on the table in order to end this whole matter. I can only hope, as a Microsoft supporter, that elements of the agreement, like giving over its code and intellectual property rights to its competitors, will not prove too damaging to the company.

I, along with every other American who depends on Microsoft products in his daily life, want to see an end to this whole affair. Three years is far too long to wait for a final settlement and both sides have far more important issues to worry about.

Sincerely,

Harold Tuck